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Mr. Murphy will speak tonight at Murphy Hall and should have an audience worthy of his cause and of the confidence he has personally inspired in Honolulu.

The current number of the Paradise of the Pacific continues the record made by preceding issues of the Lang-ton series for typographical beauty and literary grace.

Runaways are getting to be of daily occurrence. What is the cause? Since feed went up in price have people been outraging the equine appetite with too many prunes?

On August 10th Sir Henry Blake cabled London that the plague had again appeared in Hongkong, twelve cases having been officially reported, of which ten resulted fatally. Upon this Great Britain declared Hongkong an infected port. That is the status of the place today and steamers from there, touching at Honolulu as their first American entrepot, need to be and doubtless are, carefully watched.

The appeal for funds made by St. Peter's Chapel is another sign of the straits into which the Episcopalians of Hawaii have fallen because of Bishop Willis' refusal to accept the fact of annexation so far as it applies to church government here. There is plenty of money in the local Episcopal body, some of our wealthiest and most generous citizens belonging to the church and being deeply interested in its welfare. But they will not assist Bishop Willis' enterprises. Once left American church jurisdiction he extended here and we have no doubt that the Chinese Christians who worship at St. Peter's will be taken good care of, whether in their own present place of religious abode or in some other.

Judge Humphreys' attempts to conduct "a genuine American court of justice" in this Territory ought to be better understood at Washington and we trust that Mr. Hankey has not overlooked his chance to give Mr. Knox the needed pointers. The most conspicuous feature of Humphreys' judicial career in Hawaii has been his complete rejection of the American method of drawing juries by lot, he having written and caused to be passed a bill giving his bailiff the un-American right to personally select juries. This right he has used to stuff the jury box; and to make sure of having things his own way he employed a waterfront crimp as bailiff, who at once offered after the manner of his kind, to stuff juries for other people. Far from being an American court, that presided over by the refugee from Arizona has been a Humphreys' court, at once corrupt in its personnel, indecent in its methods and unjust in its decisions.

TO RUSH STATION WORK.

With the Navy Department urging speedy action in the preparation of plans for the improvement of Pearl Harbor, directing the prosecution of the work of the surveying of the lands which have been chosen for the site, and the settlement of the suits for the condemnation of the property, the beginning of the end of the quarter century's striving for a mid-Pacific navy yard seems to be at hand.

While it is true that this work would be of inestimable benefit to the islands, in that there would be provided accommodations and defenses which are much needed, the fact must not be forgotten that in the suits for the possession of Pearl Harbor acres there is a matter which is of prime significance to the business interests. The fact that the lands selected are those which have great value to the plantations which control them, must not be lost to sight any more than that these acres were allowed to lie waste for many years, while the central government debated what was to be done with the concession which was gained in the treaty of 1876. That they have been improved since the expirations of these options, and with the honest belief that there was a disinclination on the part of many of the officials of the United States government to make the investment of the millions necessary for the creation of a station, is apparent.

As the case now stands it must be that on the part of most of the officials of the United States government here, there is a full and complete understanding of the matter and a desire to see a settlement of this case on a basis which will be fair to both parties. The figures given in the complaint are not fair perhaps in the estimation of the men who will have the matter in hand from this time. But on the other hand they were the only ones which could be made at the time and now stand as a basis for discussion. It is certain that should the case come to trial today that there would be given to it the most careful consideration, and that the result would embody the best thought of the legal officers of the government. It is said by many men who have looked into the case, that there could be no decision on the lines of the complaint, for the burden of the evidence would show that an amount in excess of that sum has been expended upon much of the land.

As to the need of such a station here, since the growth of the nation and its participation in the affairs of the world, there has come necessity for means of national defense which were not necessary some few years ago. Should there be foreign war again this territory would be an outpost which would demand the services of as many men as were in the standing army of the nation before the last conflict. The necessity for an outpost has been apparent, and now that the outpost has been secured statesmen see that it must be protected. There will be millions spent in equipping the stations of the Army and Navy here, and they will be of the highest efficiency. The fact that these requirements are so patent will be an assurance that there will be no snap judgment taken upon the owners of the property which the government must have, for the carrying out of its schemes of defense.

INDUSTRIAL TYRANNY.

Much is heard about the Employers' Association of San Francisco as a body which, by its brutality, compelled the present strike. What the Employers' Association is and what it has done, is reported as follows, and we believe authentically, by the News Letter:

The Employers' Association is simply an organization of employers formed for mutual protection against aggressive trade unions. It came into this controversy after the Brotherhood of Teamsters and the City Front Federation had assailed the business interests of its members and sought to wrest the management of their affairs from their hands. It is now assisting its members in this controversy. But neither the Association nor its membership are making a "fight on unionism." They have simply declined to recognize unions or walking delegates or business agents. The employees may join as many unions as they please, but the employers claim the future right to select their own hired men without regard to whether they belong to any or all unions. They will deal with men, and not with organizations, and one of their principal reasons for this is to be found in the fact that experience has demonstrated that trade unions will make solemn agreements and will recklessly break their terms (as in the case of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company and its firemen) when they feel so disposed. Besides that, employers have learned by bitter experience that they cannot manage a successful business and yet be subject to the dictation of union presidents, walking delegates, and business agents. F. S. Chadbourne & Co. were driven from business in this city some years ago by that sort of thing, and the making of furniture has been entirely suspended upon this coast through its agency. The attempt of the teamsters to tell their employers whom they should and should not accept patronage from, is an illustration of the insolent and overbearing recklessness with which these irresponsible concerns have been wont to assail valuable business interests. The employers have united to resist that kind of thing, but they are making no "fight" upon trades unionism. They are on the defensive. They are simply declining to be further trampled upon by trades unions.

It is hard to argue against the philosophy of trades unions, which seems sound enough, but the practice does not live up to the preaching. The tyranny of capital, about which trades unionists complain, was never a whit worse than the tyranny of trades unions, of which the public complains, and which, in our opinion, amounts to a conspiracy in restraint of trade as that offense is described in the Federal laws. Labor has often complained that capital coerces its vote and probes its most private interests. If so a trades union for defense is natural and inevitable. But on the other hand trades unions assume the right to dictate the terms upon which a free American citizen may do business, even listing those of whom he may not buy and to whom he may not sell. Thus the massing of all good citizens for the preservation of their vested rights becomes necessary and imperative. Again, the trusts of capital increase prices and diminish competition; but it is no argument against them for trades unions to raise prices also and assail competition in their own lines. That merely compounds the offense and increases the danger. One feels, in looking at the contending factions, like exclaiming with Mercutio in the play: "A plague on both your houses!"

PUT MURPHY AT WORK.

We hope that the clergy and the laity of Honolulu and Hilo will give Mr. Murphy a chance, before he leaves Hawaii, to carry on a series of Gospel temperance meetings under their auspices. There are two reasons for this. One is personal to Mr. Murphy, who came here in good faith to carry on his work, drawn by assurances that meant nothing and pledges that were not fulfilled and who now finds that his name had been used while he was absent, to conjure dollars from the pockets of the unwary. The other is general to the public, which needs a frequent enlivening on the subject of personal abstinence. Just now cheap beer is making its inroads; the price of wines and spirits has fallen to almost the San Francisco level; and the drinking habit is on the increase. What better time in which to arouse public conscience on the subject of drink by means of moral suasion? What better man to do the work than Francis Murphy, who shared with John B. Gough for so many years the honor of being one of the two most persuasive temperance orators in America and who secured over eleven million signatures to a temperance pledge?

The American churchmen of Hawaii, while they have no call, perhaps, to refuse hospitality here to any Anglican sect professing the tenets of their faith, assuredly have the right to ask for the pastoral services and control of the American Episcopate. Just now they are without the ministrations of their church and are not disposed to accept those of the independent body or sect over which Bishop Willis presides. His connection is neither English nor American; he governs a See which calls itself Anglican, professes to use the American prayer book, is unrecognized by the Church of England and is an outsider to the Church in America. It is not to be expected, surely, that American churchmen, on their own soil, shall be turned over to a non-descript See which they had no voice in creating, and denied the offices of their own church.

President Sloggett does right to advise the free use of kerosene on standing water to kill the larvae of mosquitoes. The greatest insect pest of these islands can be regulated if the sufferers will bestir themselves. The Chamber of Commerce could be in worse business than to buy a barrel or two of oil and hire a man to put the fluid where it would do the most good.

Many changes are being made in the management of the Santa Fe. A band of highwaymen stole an engine and robbed a train in Arkansas. They secured a big booty.

A committee has been appointed by King Edward to investigate Professor Koch's tuberculosis theory. The Yang-tse-kiang river has had a terrible flood, drowning one-third of the surrounding population. The Navy Department has given Schley access to the official records. The navy clique seems to fear that Rear Admiral Howison will be disqualified.

WORLD'S NEWS CONDENSED

The Iowa has passed Acapulco. Italy's new submarine boat is a success. Chainmakers in Pittsburg are on a strike. Rev. J. M. Buehler, of San Francisco, is dead. Venezuela is trying to buy arms from France. Heavy snow storms are reported in Colorado. Schwab has purchased a New York residence. A thousand trappers are hunting fur in Alaska. The Baldwin expedition has reached Alger Island. The illness of Secretary of War Root is not serious. Three sailors were drowned from the cruiser Albany. Nebraska Republicans endorsed the national platform. A part of a meteor was found near St. Bernard, Cal. The Iowa has sailed from Acapulco, Mexico, for Panama. Stanford is to have new buildings amounting to a sum of \$26,000. Russia is reported to be interfering with England's trade in India. Talkative friends are reported to be injuring Admiral Schley's case. Colombia puts the blame for the present trouble upon Venezuela. A Sacramento negro pastor attached the church to secure his salary. An automatic stoker is being experimented with on eastern railroads. Late military maneuvers have shown the Esquimaux defenses to be weak. The Vancouver and Yukon River Railroad is to be built immediately. A gigantic cross was unveiled near Carthage, the birthplace of the Pope. The list of witnesses in the Schley court of inquiry has been made public. The Deutschland has cut the Atlantic ocean record to five days and twelve hours. A combine has been formed to control the manufacture of laundry machinery. New placer fields have been discovered in Southern Arizona, of great richness. Senator Clark will equip an electric railroad to run from Salt Lake to San Francisco. Boers are reported to have shot in cold blood two unarmed captured British scouts. The Tehuantepec isthmian railroad route is now ready to connect with steamships. A Pullman on the Rio Grande Railroad overturned, near Durango, Colo., killing two. "Swiftwater Bill" has arrived in San Francisco with a new bride. This is number three. A negro, who attacked two girls on their way to school, was shot by an Alabama mob and his body was burned. Vice President Roosevelt has declined the invitation to address the Marquette Club on Chicago Day, October 9th. It is believed the Copenhagen ministry has decided to sell the Danish West Indies to the United States for \$4,200,000. Boarding house runners attacked Captain Sholton, of the Oceanic, at Portland, and were captured by the crew. Lord Francis Hope has instructed his attorneys to begin proceedings for divorce from Lady Hope, formerly May Yoke. The portrait of General Lawton, who was killed at San Mateo, is to adorn one of the new issue of postage stamps. Edward F. Adams, of the San Francisco Chronicle, was awarded the first prize in the New York Reform Club essay contest. Miss Pearl Wagner, a Berkeley freshman, has gone insane after encountering a panther during a lonely mountain ride. The Hicks-Judd Company's printing establishment in San Francisco has been destroyed by fire. The loss amounts to \$150,000. Prince Chun's mission to Berlin is said to be a very delicate one. If he is compelled to bow low before Emperor William, Chinese say he must commit suicide afterwards.

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